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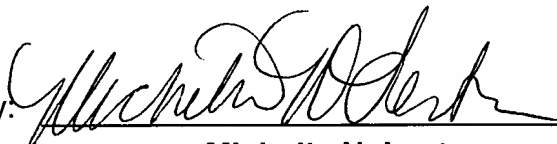
Sir:

From the Notification of Acceptance mailed September 21, 2000, it is understood that copies of the references cited in the International Search Report have not yet been forwarded to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by the International Bureau. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,135,875 which is the U.S. counterpart to EP 471295, cited in the Search Report.

Consideration of that document and return of an initialed and dated copy of the attached form PTO-1449 are respectfully requested. Early and favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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